

REMARKS

Pending claims 1-7, 10, 12, 13, 20-23 and 28-31 currently stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 10 and 17 of United States Patent No. 6,711,311 in view of United States Patent No. 5,729,377 (Bergmann). Claims 8, 9, 11 and 14-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

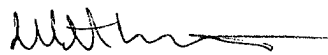
Enclosed is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. A holding to this effect and the allowance of this application followed by its passage to issuance is respectfully solicited.

If, however, any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned counsel so that a brief interview can be arranged to resolve these issues.

Please debit Deposit Account No. 50-1465 in the amount of \$130.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer Fee. It is believed that no other fee is due at this time. If that determination should be incorrect, then please debit Deposit Account No. 50-1465 for any deficiencies or overpayment and notify the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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